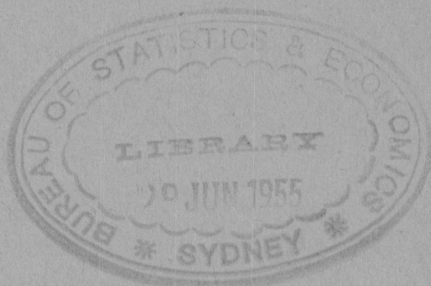


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### EXPLANATORY NOTES

Except where otherwise specified employment figures contained in this Bulletin are based on data obtained from the 1933 Census, the Civilian Register of 1943, the Occupation Survey of 1945, Annual Censuses of Factory Production, and returns from Governmental Authorities, together with Pay-roll Tax returns. Pay-roll Tax returns at present cover approximately 75 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed and are lodged by all employers paying more than £120 per week in wages (other than certain Commonwealth Government Authorities, religious and benevolent institutions, public hospitals and other similar organisations specifically exempted under the Pay-roll Tax Assessment Act 1941-1954). This Act when originally introduced in 1941 required employers paying wages of more than £20 per week to lodge returns. The exemption limit was raised to £80 per week from 1st October, 1953. Prior to 1st September, 1954, when the present exemption limit was introduced, employment recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns covered approximately 80 per cent. of the total estimated numbers employed.

The terms "Employment", "Number Employed", "Employees" and "Wage Earners" used herein are synonymous with, and relate to, "wage and salary earners" on pay-rolls or "in employment" in the latter part of each month as distinct from numbers of employees actually working on a specific date. They include persons employed part-time.



# PREFACE

The figures relating to employment published in this Bulletin are estimates. The Census of June, 1954, may show the need for some revision in the monthly aggregates. It is not anticipated, however, that any such revision will affect the trends shown by the figures in Tables 1 to 8. Some revisions will be necessary in the totals and trends in employment shown for individual industries (particularly manufacturing) in Tables 9 and 10. Tables showing employment in individual classes of factory are not published pending review.

2. Call-ups for short periods of National Service Training have occurred from time to time since August, 1951, and other variations occur in numbers of personnel in the Services. These are shown in item 4 below and in Table 4 page 3 thereof. Relevant figures are as follows:-

## AUSTRALIA : (Thousands) (EXCLUDING employees in Rural Industries and Private Domestic Service)

	1954			1955			
	Mar.	Apr.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.
<u>MALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1356.2	1358.3	1384.3	1382.4	1388.2	1393.9	1395.4
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	30.0	30.1	29.9	30.2	30.4	30.6	30.7
Other	126.4	126.6	127.6	128.5	128.7	128.9	129.5
State and Semi-Governmental	358.5	360.2	364.4	365.2	367.4	369.4	371.4
Local Authorities	60.2	60.9	62.8	62.1	62.9	63.7	64.1
2. Total Governmental	575.1	577.8	584.7	586.0	589.4	592.6	595.7
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	1931.3	1936.1	1969.0	1968.4	1977.6	1986.5	1991.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	61.3	59.8	50.1	60.1	60.1	57.9	58.9
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	1992.6	1995.9	2019.1	2028.5	2037.7	2044.4	2050.0

<u>FEMALES</u>							
1. In Private Employment	593.7	593.1	615.6	608.0	613.5	616.2	614.6
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	6.4	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.8
Other	35.1	35.0	35.9	36.3	36.7	36.8	36.7
State and Semi-Governmental	67.2	67.4	68.3	67.5	70.1	71.9	72.1
Local Authorities	5.5	5.6	5.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
2. Total Governmental	114.2	114.4	116.3	116.2	119.3	121.3	121.4
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	707.9	707.5	731.9	724.2	732.8	737.5	736.0
4. Defence Forces (Permanent and Oversea)	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.1
5. Total, Civilian Employees and Defence Forces	709.8	709.5	733.9	726.2	734.9	739.6	738.1

<u>PERSONS</u>							
1. In Private Employment	1949.9	1951.4	1999.9	1990.4	2001.7	2010.1	2010.0
In Governmental Employment -							
Commonwealth Authorities -							
Defence Group (a)	36.4	36.5	36.4	36.8	37.1	37.4	37.5
Other	161.5	161.6	163.5	164.8	165.4	165.7	166.2
State and Semi-Governmental	425.7	427.6	432.7	432.7	437.5	441.3	443.5
Local Authorities	65.7	66.5	68.4	67.9	68.7	69.5	69.9
2. Total Governmental	689.3	692.2	701.0	702.2	708.7	713.9	717.1
3. Grand Total in Civilian Employment	2639.2	2643.6	2700.9	2692.6	2710.4	2724.0	2727.1
4. Defence Forces (Permanent, Oversea and National Service Trainees in Camp) (b)	63.2	61.8	52.1	62.1	62.2	60.0	61.0
5. Total, Civilian Employees, Defence Forces and Trainees	2702.4	2705.4	2753.0	2754.7	2772.6	2784.0	2788.1

(a) Comprises employees of the Departments of Air, Army, Navy, Defence, Supply and Defence Production.

(b) Excludes rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training but includes non-enlisted personnel.

## 1. GENERAL SUMMARY

TABLE 1 : PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
July	1316.5	1316.3	1365.2	558.7	562.8	593.7	1875.2	1879.1	1958.9
August	1306.9	1319.4	1366.9	553.1	565.0	594.5	1860.0	1884.4	1961.4
September	1298.6	1323.6	1371.2	552.1	569.1	598.5	1850.7	1892.7	1969.7
October	1301.6	1330.4	1374.1	553.0	574.5	602.2	1854.6	1904.9	1976.3
November	1300.6	1337.9	1381.2	554.7	582.7	610.5	1855.3	1920.6	1991.7
December	1299.4	1340.9	1384.3	557.9	590.0	615.6	1857.3	1930.9	1999.9
January	1297.9	1344.2	1382.4	553.9	587.0	608.0	1851.8	1931.2	1990.4
February	1307.3	1348.8	1388.2	559.9	588.3	613.5	1867.2	1937.1	2001.7
March	1311.3	1356.2	1393.9	564.4	593.7	616.2	1875.7	1949.9	2010.1
April	1314.7	1358.3	1395.4	563.8	593.1	614.6	1878.5	1951.4	2010.0
May	1316.8	1361.9		562.8	592.7		1879.6	1954.6	
June	1319.0	1367.0		561.7	593.0		1880.7	1960.0	

TABLE 2 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES - AUSTRALIA

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
July	577.5	566.1	582.1	115.5	112.5	115.4	693.0	678.6	697.5
August	574.9	566.8	582.4	114.9	112.5	116.0	689.8	679.3	698.4
September	572.3	566.7	581.9	113.8	112.4	116.1	686.1	679.1	698.0
October	567.5	567.4	581.1	112.6	111.8	116.5	680.1	679.2	697.6
November	565.1	568.7	583.6	112.2	111.9	117.0	677.3	680.6	700.6
December	564.5	569.9	584.7	111.2	111.3	116.3	675.7	681.2	701.0
January	(a) 559.9	568.1	586.0	110.3	110.7	116.2	(a) 670.2	678.8	702.2
February	563.8	571.6	589.4	112.1	113.0	119.3	675.9	684.6	708.7
March	566.8	575.1	592.6	112.7	114.2	121.3	679.5	689.3	713.9
April	567.7	577.8	595.7	112.3	114.4	121.4	680.0	692.2	717.1
May	568.1	580.0		112.1	114.6		680.2	694.6	
June	567.8	581.4		112.0	114.5		679.8	695.9	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 3 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
July	1894.0	1882.4	1947.3	674.2	675.3	709.1	2568.2	2557.7	2656.4
August	1881.8	1886.2	1949.3	668.0	677.5	710.5	2549.8	2563.7	2659.8
September	1870.9	1890.3	1953.1	665.9	681.5	714.6	2536.8	2571.8	2667.7
October	1869.1	1897.8	1955.2	665.6	686.3	718.7	2534.7	2584.1	2673.9
November	1865.7	1906.6	1964.8	666.9	694.6	727.5	2532.6	2601.2	2692.3
December	1863.9	1910.8	1969.0	669.1	701.3	731.9	2533.0	2612.1	2700.9
January	(a) 1857.8	1912.3	1968.4	664.2	697.7	724.2	(a) 2522.0	2610.0	2692.6
February	1871.1	1920.4	1977.6	672.0	701.3	732.8	2543.1	2621.7	2710.4
March	1878.1	1931.3	1986.5	677.1	707.9	737.5	2555.2	2639.2	2724.0
April	1882.4	1936.1	1991.1	676.1	707.5	736.0	2558.5	2643.6	2727.1
May	1884.9	1941.9		674.9	707.3		2559.8	2649.2	
June	1886.8	1948.4		673.7	707.5		2560.5	2655.9	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.



TABLE 4 : DEFENCE FORCES - AUSTRALIA

(Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp) (a)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
July	68.9	66.0	61.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	70.8	68.0	63.5
August	70.4	65.5	61.5	2.1	2.0	2.0	72.5	67.5	63.5
September	70.6	62.8	60.8	2.1	2.0	2.1	72.7	64.8	62.9
October	70.1	62.5	60.5	2.1	2.0	2.1	72.2	64.5	62.6
November	62.1	57.0	52.5	2.1	2.0	2.1	64.2	59.0	54.6
December	59.3	52.5	50.1	2.0	2.0	2.0	61.3	54.5	52.1
January	67.5	62.7	60.1	2.1	2.0	2.0	69.6	64.7	62.1
February	68.4	62.3	60.1	2.0	2.0	2.1	70.4	64.3	62.2
March	65.8	61.3	57.9	2.0	1.9	2.1	67.8	63.2	60.0
April	63.0	59.8	58.9	2.0	2.0	2.1	65.0	61.8	61.0
May	65.4	61.0		2.0	1.9		67.4	62.9	
June	65.4	60.1		2.0	2.0		67.4	62.1	

(a) Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural Workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

TABLE 5 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES, DEFENCE FORCES AND TRAINEES - AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Males			Females			Persons		
	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55	1952-53	1953-54	1954-55
July	1962.9	1948.4	2008.8	676.1	677.3	711.1	2639.0	2625.7	2719.9
August	1952.2	1951.7	2010.8	670.1	679.5	712.5	2622.3	2631.2	2723.3
September	1941.5	1953.1	2013.9	668.0	683.5	716.7	2609.5	2636.6	2730.6
October	1939.2	1960.3	2015.7	667.7	688.3	720.8	2606.9	2648.6	2736.5
November	1927.8	1963.6	2017.3	669.0	696.6	729.6	2596.8	2660.2	2746.9
December	1923.2	1963.3	2019.1	671.1	703.3	733.9	2594.3	2666.6	2753.0
January	(a) 1925.3	1975.0	2028.5	666.3	699.7	726.2	(a) 2591.6	2674.7	2754.7
February	1939.5	1982.7	2037.7	674.0	703.3	734.9	2613.5	2686.0	2772.6
March	1943.9	1992.6	2044.4	679.1	709.8	739.6	2623.0	2702.4	2784.0
April	1945.4	1995.9	2050.0	678.1	709.5	738.1	2623.5	2705.4	2788.1
May	1950.3	2002.9		676.9	709.2		2627.2	2712.1	
June	1952.2	2008.5		675.7	709.5		2627.9	2718.0	

(a) Affected by industrial dispute.

TABLE 6 : TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA  
(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Thousands)

Month	Civilian Employees (excl. Rural Industry and Private Domestic Service)									Defence Forces (b)
	Males			Females			Persons			
	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	Govt. Authorities (a)	Private Employment	Total	
1939 July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	55.2	381.9	437.1	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	12.9
1941 July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	70.8	485.4	556.2	446.1	1,473.5	1,919.6	284.6
1942 June	420.9	888.6	1,309.5	100.8	502.8	603.6	521.7	1,391.4	1,913.1	634.0
1943 June	413.3	859.9	1,273.2	135.9	504.8	640.7	549.2	1,364.7	1,913.9	729.0
1944 June	404.5	871.1	1,275.6	134.0	497.5	631.5	538.5	1,368.6	1,907.1	704.4
1945 June	400.2	896.1	1,296.3	124.8	494.6	619.4	525.0	1,390.7	1,915.7	648.9
1946 June	435.0	1,071.5	1,506.5	94.0	502.0	596.0	529.0	1,573.5	2,102.5	143.4
1947 June	472.0	1,177.4	1,649.4	92.1	527.5	619.6	564.1	1,704.9	2,269.0	54.0
1948 June	494.0	1,236.9	1,730.9	94.9	549.1	644.0	588.9	1,786.0	2,374.9	39.3
1949 May (c)	518.9	1,268.2	1,787.1	99.2	564.9	664.1	618.1	1,833.1	2,451.2	33.6
1950 June	554.3	1,304.4	1,858.7	107.7	580.5	688.2	662.0	1,884.9	2,546.9	33.7
1951 June	571.2	1,340.3	1,911.5	113.9	604.9	718.8	685.1	1,945.2	2,630.3	44.3
1952 June (d)	578.4	1,329.7	1,908.1	115.3	564.1	679.4	693.7	1,893.8	2,587.5	69.4
1953 June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
1954 June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
1953 Mar.	566.8	1,311.3	1,878.1	112.7	564.4	677.1	679.5	1,875.7	2,555.2	67.8
Apr.	567.7	1,314.7	1,882.4	112.3	563.8	676.1	680.0	1,878.5	2,558.5	65.0
May	568.1	1,316.8	1,884.9	112.1	562.8	674.9	680.2	1,879.6	2,559.8	67.4
June	567.8	1,319.0	1,886.8	112.0	561.7	673.7	679.8	1,880.7	2,560.5	67.4
July	566.1	1,316.3	1,882.4	112.5	562.8	675.3	678.6	1,879.1	2,557.7	68.0
Aug.	566.8	1,319.4	1,886.2	112.5	565.0	677.5	679.3	1,884.4	2,563.7	67.5
Sept.	566.7	1,323.6	1,890.3	112.4	569.1	681.5	679.1	1,892.7	2,571.8	64.8
Oct.	567.4	1,330.4	1,897.8	111.8	574.5	686.3	679.2	1,904.9	2,584.1	64.5
Nov.	568.7	1,337.9	1,906.6	111.9	582.7	694.6	680.6	1,920.6	2,601.2	59.0
Dec.	569.9	1,340.9	1,910.8	111.3	590.0	701.3	681.2	1,930.9	2,612.1	54.5
1954 Jan.	568.1	1,344.2	1,912.3	110.7	587.0	697.7	678.8	1,931.2	2,610.0	64.7
Feb.	571.6	1,348.8	1,920.4	113.0	588.3	701.3	684.6	1,937.1	2,621.7	64.3
Mar.	575.1	1,356.2	1,931.3	114.2	593.7	707.9	689.3	1,949.9	2,639.2	63.2
Apr.	577.8	1,358.3	1,936.1	114.4	593.1	707.5	692.2	1,951.4	2,643.6	61.8
May	580.0	1,361.9	1,941.9	114.6	592.7	707.3	694.6	1,954.6	2,649.2	62.9
June	581.4	1,367.0	1,948.4	114.5	593.0	707.5	695.9	1,960.0	2,655.9	62.1
July	582.1	1,365.2	1,947.3	115.4	593.7	709.1	697.5	1,958.9	2,656.4	63.5
Aug.	582.4	1,366.9	1,949.3	116.0	594.5	710.5	698.4	1,961.4	2,659.8	63.5
Sept.	581.9	1,371.2	1,953.1	116.1	598.5	714.6	698.0	1,969.7	2,667.7	62.9
Oct.	581.1	1,374.1	1,955.2	116.5	602.2	718.7	697.6	1,976.3	2,673.9	62.6
Nov.	583.6	1,381.2	1,964.8	117.0	610.5	727.5	700.6	1,991.7	2,692.3	54.6
Dec.	584.7	1,384.3	1,969.0	116.3	615.6	731.9	701.0	1,999.9	2,700.9	52.1
1955 Jan.	586.0	1,382.4	1,968.4	116.2	608.0	724.2	702.2	1,990.4	2,692.6	62.1
Feb.	589.4	1,388.2	1,977.6	119.3	613.5	732.8	708.7	2,001.7	2,710.4	62.2
Mar.	592.6	1,393.9	1,986.5	121.3	616.2	737.5	713.9	2,010.1	2,724.0	60.0
Apr.	595.7	1,395.4	1,991.1	121.4	614.6	736.0	717.1	2,010.0	2,727.1	61.0

(a) Includes all employees of Governmental Authorities (Commonwealth, State, Local and Semi-Governmental) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post office, air transport, education, broadcasting, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(b) Includes members of Permanent and Oversea Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp. Non-enlisted personnel are included. Rural workers and students in camp undergoing National Service Training are excluded.

(c) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(d) See Preface on page 1 hereof as to effects of fluctuations in numbers of Defence Forces and Trainees since August, 1951.



TABLE 7 : CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES, APRIL, 1955

## STATES AND TERRITORIES

(Thousands)

State or Territory	Commonwealth (a)						State and Semi-Govt.		Local Govt. (a)		Total Governmental (a)		
	Defence Group		Other		Total		M	F	M	F	M	F	P
	M	F	M	F	M	F							
New South Wales	9.3	1.1	45.8	13.4	55.1	14.5	133.5	24.7	25.8	2.7	214.4	41.9	256.3
Victoria	16.0	4.7	34.0	10.5	50.0	15.2	95.5	21.9	12.5	1.4	158.0	38.5	196.5
Queensland	1.2	0.2	16.4	4.3	17.6	4.5	53.8	7.2	17.4	0.9	88.8	12.6	101.4
South Australia	3.2	0.6	12.1	2.7	15.3	3.3	37.3	8.6	2.9	0.3	55.5	12.2	67.7
West. Australia	0.7	0.1	8.2	2.0	8.9	2.1	36.7	6.1	3.3	0.3	48.9	8.5	57.4
Tasmania	0.1	0.1	4.2	1.1	4.3	1.2	14.6	3.6	2.2	0.2	21.1	5.0	26.1
Northern Terr.	0.1	..	2.1	0.5	2.2	0.5	..	..	..	..	2.2	0.5	2.7
Aust. Cap. Terr.	0.1	..	6.7	2.2	6.8	2.2	..	..	..	..	6.8	2.2	9.0
Total, April	30.7	6.8	129.5	36.7	160.2	43.5	371.4	72.1	64.1	5.8	595.7	121.4	717.1
Total, March	30.6	6.8	128.9	36.8	159.5	43.6	369.4	71.9	63.7	5.8	592.6	121.3	713.9

(a) See note (a) to Table 6 on previous page.

TABLE 8 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - STATES AND TERRITORIES

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)

(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

State or Territory	June 1948	May 1949 (a)	June 1950	June 1951	June 1952	June 1953	June 1954	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955
<u>MALES</u>									
New South Wales	702.3	721.4	740.8	758.2	754.4	734.3	758.1	775.9	776.0
Victoria	473.3	489.3	510.7	525.8	524.4	521.6	539.7	552.8	554.1
Queensland	232.6	239.8	250.4	259.3	258.1	255.2	263.7	266.2	268.2
South Australia	149.0	155.0	165.7	170.0	171.5	170.6	176.0	177.9	178.6
West. Australia	109.2	112.8	120.5	125.3	(b)126.0	130.2	135.0	136.3	136.5
Tasmania	54.5	57.4	58.4	60.2	61.0	61.8	62.8	64.3	64.4
Northern Terr.	4.0	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.4	4.6	4.9	4.7	4.7
Aust. Cap. Terr.	6.0	7.2	7.7	8.1	8.3	8.5	8.2	8.4	8.6
Australia:	1730.9	1787.1	1858.7	1911.5	1908.1	1886.8	1948.4	1986.5	1991.1

FEMALES

New South Wales	261.9	269.9	278.5	290.9	270.5	266.2	279.5	292.4	292.1
Victoria	196.7	202.5	210.0	219.6	206.6	205.9	217.7	227.0	225.5
Queensland	77.9	80.1	83.1	86.1	83.8	83.7	86.1	88.4	88.4
South Australia	50.1	52.2	54.3	57.0	54.9	53.4	56.9	60.5	60.5
West. Australia	37.0	37.8	39.9	41.6	40.5	41.0	42.8	44.0	43.9
Tasmania	18.0	18.8	19.4	20.3	19.8	20.1	21.0	21.5	21.8
Northern Terr.	0.6	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Aust. Cap. Terr.	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.6	2.8	2.9
Australia:	644.0	664.1	688.2	718.8	679.4	673.7	707.5	737.5	736.0

PERSONS

New South Wales	964.2	991.3	1019.3	1049.1	1024.9	1000.5	1037.6	1068.3	1068.1
Victoria	670.0	691.8	720.7	745.4	731.0	727.5	757.4	779.8	779.6
Queensland	310.5	319.9	333.5	345.4	341.9	338.9	349.8	354.6	356.6
South Australia	199.1	207.2	220.0	227.0	226.4	224.0	232.9	238.4	239.1
West. Australia	146.2	150.6	160.4	166.9	(b)166.5	171.2	177.8	180.3	180.4
Tasmania	72.5	76.2	77.8	80.5	80.8	81.9	83.8	85.8	86.2
Northern Terr.	4.6	4.9	5.4	5.4	5.2	5.5	5.8	5.6	5.6
Aust. Cap. Terr.	7.8	9.3	9.8	10.6	10.8	11.0	10.8	11.2	11.5
Australia:	2374.9	2451.2	2546.9	2630.3	2587.5	2560.5	2655.9	2724.0	2727.1

(a) Figures for May, 1949 have been used for purposes of annual comparison because of the effects of the coal dispute in June, 1949.

(b) Affected by industrial dispute.

## II : EMPLOYMENT IN INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
 (Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)  
 (Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	April 1954	January 1955	February 1955	March 1955	April 1955
<b>MALES</b>						
<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	27.4	25.9	26.5	26.9	26.5	26.7
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	9.2	7.5	7.3	7.2	7.2	7.4
Silver, Lead, Zinc	7.7	9.6	9.5	9.6	9.7	9.6
Coal	26.2	29.9	28.9	28.9	28.8	28.8
Other (incl. Quarries)	9.6	11.5	11.7	11.8	11.9	12.0
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	52.7	58.5	57.4	57.5	57.6	57.8
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	625.0	690.2	703.9	707.1	709.7	711.4
Other (b)	55.5	60.7	61.6	61.9	62.2	62.4
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	680.5	750.9	765.5	769.0	771.9	773.8
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (Privately employed) (c)	85.9	91.5	89.4	89.5	90.3	90.8
Other (d)	81.9	110.3	112.7	114.3	116.1	117.9
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	167.8	201.8	202.1	203.8	206.4	208.7
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	82.1	83.5	83.0	83.6	83.9	84.1
Shipping and Stevedoring	43.3	49.0	49.5	49.9	50.9	50.3
Rail and Air Transport	96.5	105.5	107.8	107.8	108.2	108.4
Communication	48.0	61.1	63.0	63.1	63.2	63.7
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	269.9	299.1	303.3	304.4	306.2	306.5
<u>Property and Finance, (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>						
	49.4	57.8	59.1	59.4	59.5	59.6
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	92.9	117.5	122.0	123.1	123.9	124.0
Primary Produce Agencies	19.4	22.6	25.5	24.7	24.3	24.0
Retail Trade	123.3	127.6	130.1	129.6	129.6	129.2
<u>Total Commerce</u>	235.6	267.7	277.6	277.4	277.8	277.2
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	84.3	97.4	98.3	98.5	98.6	98.6
<u>Other</u>						
Law and Order	17.1	20.1	20.0	20.1	20.2	20.2
Religion and Social Welfare	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4	11.4
Health Services	24.5	26.0	25.8	26.0	25.9	26.0
Education	28.6	36.1	36.2	37.3	38.3	38.4
Other Professional	11.1	12.2	12.4	12.7	13.0	12.7
Entertainment, Sport	17.7	18.2	18.3	18.2	18.3	18.5
Personal Service (e)	52.9	53.0	54.5	55.0	54.9	55.0
<u>Total Other</u>	163.3	177.0	178.6	180.7	182.0	182.2
<b>TOTAL:</b>	1730.9	1936.1	1968.4	1977.6	1986.5	1991.1

## FEMALES

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<u>Mining and Quarrying</u>	0.6	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	208.0	221.5	223.4	226.8	228.0	225.3
Other (b)	5.9	6.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	213.9	228.4	230.4	234.0	235.2	232.5
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
	2.9	4.7	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	6.8	8.2	8.6	8.8	8.8	8.8
Shipping and Stevedoring	2.1	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.4	2.4
Rail and Air Transport	7.8	7.9	8.1	8.3	8.3	8.4
Communication	18.3	17.8	18.4	18.5	18.6	18.5
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	35.0	36.4	37.6	38.0	38.1	38.1



TABLE 9 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

## AUSTRALIA (continued)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	June 1948	April 1954	January 1955	February 1955	March 1955	April 1955
<b>FEMALES (continued)</b>						
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	24.2	34.6	36.7	37.4	37.8	37.8
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	28.5	36.7	38.2	39.3	39.5	39.3
Primary Produce Agencies	4.2	5.4	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9
Retail Trade	109.3	114.1	120.3	119.5	119.6	120.3
<u>Total Commerce</u>	142.0	156.2	164.1	164.4	164.8	165.5
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	25.0	27.4	27.9	28.2	28.2	28.3
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	7.5	8.9	9.2	9.3	9.4	9.4
Religion and Social Welfare	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Health Services	59.6	70.2	71.5	71.7	72.2	72.5
Education	37.1	45.2	43.7	46.1	47.7	47.7
Other Professional	8.3	9.3	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.7
Entertainment, Sport	8.4	8.6	8.9	8.7	8.8	8.9
Personal Service (e)	70.4	67.5	69.6	70.2	70.4	70.5
<u>Total Other</u>	200.3	218.7	221.5	224.8	227.3	227.7
<u>TOTAL</u>	644.0	707.5	724.2	732.8	737.5	736.0

## PERSONS

<u>Forestry, Fishing and Trapping</u>	27.5	26.1	26.7	27.1	26.7	26.9
<u>Mining -</u>						
Gold	9.3	7.6	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5
Silver, Lead, Zinc	7.9	9.8	9.8	9.8	10.0	9.9
Coal	26.3	30.1	29.1	29.1	29.0	29.0
Other (incl. Quarries)	9.8	11.9	12.1	12.2	12.3	12.5
<u>Total Mining and Quarrying</u>	53.3	59.4	58.4	58.5	58.7	58.9
<u>Manufacturing, etc. -</u>						
Factories (a)	833.0	911.7	927.3	933.9	937.7	936.7
Other (b)	61.4	67.6	68.6	69.1	69.4	69.6
<u>Total Manufacturing</u>	894.4	979.3	995.9	1003.0	1007.1	1006.3
<u>Building and Construction (incl. repairs, etc.)</u>						
Building (privately employed) (c)	88.3	94.2	92.1	92.2	93.0	93.5
Other (d)	82.4	112.3	114.8	116.4	118.2	120.0
<u>Total Building and Construction</u>	170.7	206.5	206.9	208.6	211.2	213.5
<u>Transport and Communication</u>						
Road Transport	88.9	91.7	91.6	92.4	92.7	92.9
Shipping and Stevedoring	45.4	51.5	52.0	52.3	53.3	52.7
Rail and Air Transport	104.3	113.4	115.9	116.1	116.5	116.8
Communication	66.3	78.9	81.4	81.6	81.8	82.2
<u>Total Transport, etc.</u>	304.9	336.5	340.9	342.4	344.3	344.6
<u>Property and Finance (incl. Banks and Insurance)</u>	73.6	92.4	95.8	96.8	97.3	97.4
<u>Commerce -</u>						
Wholesale Trade	121.4	154.2	160.2	162.4	163.4	163.3
Primary Produce Agencies	23.6	28.0	31.1	30.3	30.0	29.9
Retail Trade	232.6	241.7	250.4	249.1	249.2	249.5
<u>Total Commerce</u>	377.6	423.9	441.7	441.8	442.6	442.7
<u>Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.</u>	109.3	124.8	126.2	126.7	126.8	126.9
<u>Other -</u>						
Law and Order	24.6	29.0	29.2	29.4	29.6	29.6
Religion and Social Welfare	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Health Services	84.1	96.2	97.3	97.7	98.1	98.5
Education	65.7	81.3	79.9	83.4	86.0	86.1
Other Professional	19.4	21.5	22.0	22.5	22.8	22.4
Entertainment, Sport	26.1	26.8	27.2	26.9	27.1	27.4
Personal Service (e)	123.3	120.5	124.1	125.2	125.3	125.5
<u>Total Other</u>	363.6	395.7	400.1	405.5	409.3	409.9
<u>TOTAL</u>	2374.9	2643.6	2692.6	2710.4	2724.0	2727.1

For notes see page 9.

TABLE 10 : WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS

STATES - APRIL, 1955

(EXCLUDING Wage Earners in Rural Industry and in Private Domestic Service)  
(Personnel in Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in Camp are also excluded)

(Thousands)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (f)
<b>MALES</b>							
Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.6	5.8	5.7	1.8	2.2	2.3	26.7
Mining and Quarrying	30.2	4.8	9.3	1.7	8.2	3.0	57.8
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	290.8	223.2	72.5	70.1	35.6	19.2	711.4
Other (b)	26.9	18.1	10.6	2.4	2.5	0.7	62.4
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>317.7</b>	<b>241.3</b>	<b>83.1</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>773.8</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	71.1	53.6	35.2	18.8	16.2	10.5	208.7
Shipping and Stevedoring	17.6	10.4	8.8	6.2	4.8	2.3	50.3
Rail and Air Transport	39.8	23.1	21.8	10.1	10.7	2.6	108.4
Other Transport and Communication	59.9	38.1	23.3	12.5	8.9	4.3	147.8
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	23.0	18.0	8.1	5.0	3.8	1.5	59.6
Retail Trade	51.0	37.0	15.5	12.0	9.8	3.6	129.2
Wholesale and Other Commerce	50.5	42.0	21.2	14.6	14.8	4.5	148.0
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	36.2	28.2	11.6	7.7	7.2	3.7	98.6
Other Industries (g)	70.4	51.8	24.6	15.7	11.8	6.2	182.2
<b>TOTAL MALES:</b>	<b>776.0</b>	<b>554.1</b>	<b>268.2</b>	<b>178.6</b>	<b>136.5</b>	<b>64.4</b>	<b>1991.1</b>

**FEMALES**

Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	96.1	88.0	13.9	16.4	6.3	4.6	225.3
Other (b)	1.0	2.3	2.8	0.1	0.9	..	7.2
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>97.1</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.5</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>232.5</b>
Rail and Air Transport	3.8	2.0	1.3	0.7	0.4	0.1	8.4
Other Transport and Communication (including Shipping, etc.)	11.1	8.9	4.3	2.6	1.5	1.2	29.7
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	16.7	10.7	4.3	3.0	2.2	0.9	37.8
Retail Trade	44.9	33.0	15.5	12.5	9.9	4.2	120.3
Wholesale and Other Commerce	17.4	11.9	7.0	4.1	3.7	1.1	45.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	11.0	6.8	4.4	1.6	2.0	1.0	28.3
Other Industries (g)	90.1	61.9	34.9	19.5	17.0	8.7	233.8
<b>TOTAL FEMALES:</b>	<b>292.1</b>	<b>225.5</b>	<b>88.4</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>736.0</b>

**PERSONS**

Forestry, Fishing and Trapping	8.7	5.9	5.7	1.8	2.2	2.3	26.9
Mining and Quarrying	30.5	4.9	9.6	1.8	8.3	3.1	58.9
Manufacturing, etc. - Factories (a)	386.9	311.2	86.4	86.5	41.9	23.8	936.7
Other (b)	27.9	20.4	13.4	2.5	3.4	0.7	69.6
<b>Total Manufacturing:</b>	<b>414.8</b>	<b>331.6</b>	<b>99.8</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>1006.3</b>
Building and Construction (including repairs, etc.)	73.2	54.9	35.8	19.2	16.5	10.6	213.5
Shipping and Stevedoring	18.7	11.0	9.1	6.4	5.0	2.4	52.7
Rail and Air Transport	43.6	25.1	23.1	10.8	11.1	2.7	116.8
Other Transport and Communication	69.9	46.4	27.3	14.9	10.2	5.4	175.1
Property and Finance (incl. Banks, etc.)	39.7	28.7	12.4	8.0	6.0	2.4	97.4
Retail Trade	95.9	70.0	31.0	24.5	19.7	7.8	249.5
Wholesale and Other Commerce	67.9	53.9	28.2	18.7	18.5	5.6	193.2
Public Authority Activity, n.e.i.	47.2	35.0	16.0	9.3	9.2	4.7	126.9
Other Industries (g)	158.0	112.2	58.6	34.7	28.4	14.7	409.9
<b>TOTAL PERSONS:</b>	<b>1068.1</b>	<b>779.6</b>	<b>356.6</b>	<b>239.1</b>	<b>180.4</b>	<b>86.2</b>	<b>2727.1</b>

For notes see page 9.

## NOTES TO TABLES 9 AND 10

- (a) Refers to estimated employment in factories as defined for the purpose of the annual production census, results of which are published annually in the Secondary Industries Bulletin. In this connexion, a factory is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more persons are employed, or in which power, other than manual, is used. The employees covered are those engaged in manufacturing activities and exclude those engaged in selling and distribution, etc. Revision will be necessary in the estimates herein to numbers of employees in factories since June, 1948, within the above definition. A new series of returns was instituted as from January, 1952, which shows the same approximate trend as the figures herein since that date. A survey of the results obtained from this series is presented in Section III.
- (b) Includes employees in industrial establishments outside the scope of the definition of a factory (given in (a) above) and persons employed by factory proprietors but engaged in selling or distribution, etc., who are excluded from figures shown opposite "Factories".
- (c) Includes persons employed on private building, and employees of private employers contracting to public authorities, on building construction, alterations, maintenance and repairs.
- (d) Includes employees on construction of roads, bridges, earthworks, etc., and employees directly employed by public authorities on building and maintenance of buildings.
- (e) Includes Hotels, Restaurants, Hairdressing and Other Personal Services (except female private domestics).
- (f) Includes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.
- (g) Includes Law and Order, Religion and Social Welfare, Health, Education, other Professional Services, Entertainment, etc., and Personal Service (Hotels, Restaurants, etc., excluding female private domestic). In respect of females only, also includes Forestry, Fishing, etc., Mining, Building and Construction.

## III. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES

By joint arrangement between the Secretary of the Department of Labour and National Service and the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, a regular monthly survey of employment in the larger privately-owned factories of New South Wales and Victoria was instituted in January, 1952. Practically all private factories with 100 or more employees and a large section of those with between 50 and 100 employees were surveyed.

The instruction as to employees to be included in the returns was as follows:- "The number of persons employed is to include all persons on the establishment of the factory who are engaged in the factory or on the factory office staff, providing their employment is directly related to manufacture", and further "..... the numbers of males and females (separately) employed in the specified factory or mill. These figures are to include factory office staff, but are to exclude selling and distribution staff". The figures obtained relate to the numbers on the pay-roll as at the last pay-day in the month.

The survey was instituted to provide an earlier indication of trend of private factory employment, month by month, than is available from any other source, and in fact the trends shown in employment in these larger private factories are broadly consonant with those shown in estimates of total private factory employment, derived from Pay-roll Tax Returns, for the periods for which comparisons are available.

Employment in food-processing factories is subject to considerable seasonal variation. In view of this circumstance, the movements in "all factories excluding food factories" are given equal prominence in the tables with those in "all factories surveyed".

The Survey was extended to cover all States with effect from January, 1953. In Bulletins up to and including No. 152, totals were given for the original two States, for the three remaining mainland States and for the five mainland States together. The figures now shown in Tables 11 and 13 are totals for all six States.

An industrial analysis, showing movements in each of eight broad groups, is given in Table 15. In continuation of the earlier practice this table is confined to the five mainland States. At the present stage figures for Tasmania cannot be incorporated into this table in the same detail because of the risk of disclosure of individual factory particulars.



TABLE 11 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 January	354,800	113,205	468,005	..	..	..
February	357,002	114,428	471,430	+ 0.6	+ 1.1	+ 0.7
March	359,396	116,378	475,774	+ 0.7	+ 1.7	+ 0.9
April	360,469	114,614	475,083	+ 0.3	- 1.5	- 0.1
May	362,183	113,635	475,818	+ 0.5	- 0.9	+ 0.2
June	364,269	113,784	478,053	+ 0.6	+ 0.1	+ 0.5
July	365,531	113,293	478,824	+ 0.3	- 0.4	+ 0.2
August	365,678	112,734	478,412	..	- 0.5	- 0.1
September	366,333	113,974	480,307	+ 0.2	+ 1.1	+ 0.4
October	367,252	114,967	482,219	+ 0.3	+ 0.9	+ 0.4
November	369,009	115,520	484,529	+ 0.5	+ 0.5	+ 0.5
December	367,627	115,469	483,096	- 0.4	..	- 0.3
1955 January	367,215	116,923	484,138	- 0.1	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
February	371,330	119,330	490,660	+ 1.1	+ 2.1	+ 1.3
March	372,335	118,952	491,287	+ 0.3	- 0.3	+ 0.1
April	372,217	116,189	488,406	- 0.1	- 2.3	- 0.6
May	372,991	115,524	488,515	+ 0.2	- 0.6	..

TABLE 12 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES :

STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Mar.-	April -
	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May	April, 1955	May, 1955

MALES

New South Wales	143,891	144,171	148,735	148,398	148,599	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Victoria	108,966	108,699	112,439	112,046	112,013	- 0.3	..
Queensland	37,191	38,882	37,969	38,560	39,736	+ 1.6	+ 3.0
South Australia	41,017	40,998	43,037	42,869	42,490	- 0.4	- 0.9
West Australia	17,545	17,500	17,893	17,938	17,909	+ 0.3	- 0.2
Tasmania	11,859	11,933	12,262	12,406	12,244	+ 1.2	- 1.3
TOTAL	360,469	362,183	372,335	372,217	372,991	- 0.1	+ 0.2

FEMALES

New South Wales	44,145	44,421	46,590	45,943	45,987	- 1.4	+ 0.1
Victoria	44,679	43,847	46,598	44,727	44,411	- 4.0	- 0.7
Queensland	8,758	8,853	8,575	8,476	8,451	- 1.2	- 0.3
South Australia	9,019	8,504	9,479	9,120	8,847	- 3.8	- 3.0
West Australia	4,036	4,059	3,828	3,831	3,779	..	- 1.4
Tasmania	3,977	3,951	3,882	4,092	4,049	+ 5.4	- 1.1
TOTAL	114,614	113,635	118,952	116,189	115,524	- 2.3	- 0.6

PERSONS

New South Wales	188,036	188,592	195,325	194,341	194,586	- 0.5	+ 0.1
Victoria	153,645	152,546	159,037	156,773	156,424	- 1.4	- 0.2
Queensland	45,949	47,735	46,544	47,036	48,187	+ 1.1	+ 2.4
South Australia	50,036	49,502	52,516	51,989	51,337	- 1.0	- 1.3
West Australia	21,581	21,559	21,721	21,769	21,688	+ 0.2	- 0.4
Tasmania	15,836	15,884	16,144	16,498	16,293	+ 2.2	- 1.3
TOTAL	475,083	475,818	491,287	488,406	488,515	- 0.6	..

TABLE 13. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

## SIX STATES

Period (End of Month)	Employment in all Factories surveyed, except Food Factories			Percentage movement since previous month		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1954 January	316,311	97,117	413,428	..	..	..
February	318,100	99,034	417,134	+ 0.6	+ 2.0	+ 0.9
March	319,223	99,845	419,068	+ 0.4	+ 0.8	+ 0.5
April	321,107	100,318	421,425	+ 0.6	+ 0.5	+ 0.6
May	321,730	100,564	422,294	+ 0.2	+ 0.2	+ 0.2
June	322,924	100,841	423,765	+ 0.4	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
July	323,996	100,805	424,801	+ 0.3	..	+ 0.2
August	324,175	100,520	424,695	+ 0.1	- 0.3	..
September	324,952	101,777	426,729	+ 0.2	+ 1.3	+ 0.5
October	325,210	102,455	427,665	+ 0.1	+ 0.7	+ 0.2
November	326,611	103,068	429,679	+ 0.4	+ 0.6	+ 0.5
December	326,859	102,366	429,225	+ 0.1	- 0.7	- 0.1
1955 January	329,647	102,041	431,688	+ 0.9	- 0.3	+ 0.6
February	331,402	102,474	433,876	+ 0.5	+ 0.4	+ 0.5
March	332,511	102,747	435,258	+ 0.3	+ 0.3	+ 0.3
April	332,990	102,605	435,595	+ 0.1	- 0.1	+ 0.1
May	333,155	102,290	435,445	..	- 0.3	..

TABLE 14. EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES, EXCLUDING FOOD FACTORIES

## STATES

State	Employment in all Factories surveyed excluding Food Factories					Percentage movement in employment	
	1954		1955			Mar. -	April -
	Apr.	May	Mar.	Apr.	May	Apr., 1955	May, 1955

## MALES

New South Wales	134,054	134,310	138,775	138,540	138,880	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Victoria	98,202	98,520	100,914	101,360	101,565	+ 0.4	+ 0.2
Queensland	24,995	24,934	26,097	26,438	26,484	+ 1.3	+ 0.2
South Australia	38,191	38,291	40,229	40,087	39,738	- 0.4	- 0.9
West Australia	15,775	15,724	16,122	16,170	16,168	+ 0.3	..
Tasmania	9,890	9,951	10,374	10,395	10,320	+ 0.2	- 0.7
TOTAL	321,107	321,730	332,511	332,990	333,155	+ 0.1	..

## FEMALES

New South Wales	39,890	40,037	41,586	41,483	41,533	- 0.2	+ 0.1
Victoria	39,923	40,023	40,605	40,589	40,477	..	- 0.3
Queensland	7,225	7,258	6,956	6,914	6,858	- 0.6	- 0.8
South Australia	7,374	7,332	7,851	7,821	7,675	- 0.4	- 1.9
West Australia	3,211	3,215	3,043	3,019	2,957	- 0.8	- 2.1
Tasmania	2,695	2,699	2,706	2,779	2,790	+ 2.7	+ 0.4
TOTAL	100,318	100,564	102,747	102,605	102,290	- 0.1	- 0.3

## PERSONS

New South Wales	173,944	174,347	180,361	180,023	180,413	- 0.2	+ 0.2
Victoria	138,125	138,543	141,519	141,949	142,042	+ 0.3	+ 0.1
Queensland	32,220	32,192	33,053	33,352	33,342	+ 0.9	..
South Australia	45,565	45,623	48,080	47,908	47,413	- 0.4	- 1.0
West Australia	18,986	18,939	19,165	19,189	19,125	+ 0.1	- 0.3
Tasmania	12,585	12,650	13,080	13,174	13,110	+ 0.7	- 0.5
TOTAL	421,425	422,294	435,258	435,595	435,445	+ 0.1	..

TABLE 15 : EMPLOYMENT IN LARGER PRIVATE FACTORIES - FIVE MAINLAND STATES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPING

Industrial Group	Employment in Factories surveyed (5 States)				Percentage move- ment in employment	
	May 1955	Mar. 1955	Apr. 1955	May 1955	Mar. - Apr. 1955	April - May, 1955

## MALES

1. Building Materials	32,681	33,857	33,657	33,701	-0.6	+0.1
2. Basic Metals	33,592	34,902	35,037	35,100	+0.4	+0.2
3. Transportation Equipment	54,999	58,699	58,898	58,869	+0.3	-0.1
4. Other Metal Manufactures	84,550	88,035	88,452	88,546	+0.5	+0.1
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	16,475	17,477	17,502	17,637	+0.1	+0.8
6. Clothing and Textiles	35,072	33,307	33,026	32,743	-0.8	-0.9
7. Food	38,471	37,936	37,216	37,912	-1.9	+1.9
8. All Other	54,410	55,860	56,023	56,239	+0.3	+0.4
Total - All Groups	350,250	360,073	359,811	360,747	-0.1	+0.3
Total - Excluding Food	311,779	322,137	322,595	322,835	+0.1	+0.1

## FEMALES

1. Building Materials	2,636	2,829	2,847	2,852	+0.6	-
2. Basic Metals	1,278	1,360	1,359	1,314	-	-3.3
3. Transportation Equipment	4,293	5,061	5,084	5,108	+0.5	+0.5
4. Other Metal Manufactures	16,074	18,324	18,413	18,457	+0.5	+0.2
5. Chemicals & Allied Products	4,066	4,141	4,143	4,170	-	+0.7
6. Clothing and Textiles	54,649	53,046	52,693	52,403	-0.7	-0.6
7. Food	11,819	15,029	12,271	11,975	-18.4	-2.4
8. All Other	14,869	15,280	15,287	15,196	-	-0.6
Total - All Groups	109,684	115,070	112,097	111,475	-2.6	-0.6
Total - Excluding Food	97,865	100,041	99,826	99,500	-0.2	-0.3

## IV. WAGES AND HOURS OF LABOUR

TABLE 16 : AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGE EARNINGS (a) - AUSTRALIA

Index Numbers (Base 1945-46 = 1,000)

Revised Series (Seasonally adjusted)

Year	Index Numbers		Quarter	Index Numbers	
	All Industries (b)	Manufacturing		All Industries (b)	Manufacturing
1945-46	1,000	1,000	1952 - Dec. Quarter	2,354	2,383
1946-47	1,037	1,056	1953 - March Quarter	2,362	2,405
1947-48	1,164	1,206	June "	2,377	2,427
			Sept. "	2,445	2,458
1948-49	1,322	1,365	Dec. "	2,436	2,456
1949-50	1,451	1,505	1954 - March Quarter	2,491	2,531
1950-51	1,742	1,810	June "	2,477	2,513
			Sept. "	2,522	2,587
1951-52	2,145	2,213	Dec. "	2,524	2,565
1952-53	2,350	2,394	1955 - March Quarter	2,589	2,681
1953-54	2,462	2,490			

(a) Includes Salaries. (b) Average earnings per male unit employed. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings.

NOTE:- The index numbers for "All Industries" and "Manufacturing" show the movement in average earnings over a period of time. They do not, however, give at any point of time, a comparison of actual earnings in the two groups.

The "All Industries" index is based on Pay-roll Tax Returns and other data. The index for manufacturing industries for the years 1945-46 to 1952-53 is based on the average earnings of male wage and salary earners employed in factories as disclosed by annual factory returns. The figures subsequent to June, 1953 are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.



TABLE 17 : AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the armed forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is shown in Table 16.

Period	N.S.W. (a)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (b)	W.A.	TAS.	AUST.
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000)</b>							
1947-48	6,976	4,719	2,069	1,369	954	492	16,579
1948-49	8,133	5,540	2,503	1,644	1,120	580	19,520
1949-50	9,018	6,370	2,838	1,894	1,315	672	22,107
1950-51	11,385	7,916	3,501	2,389	1,639	817	27,647
1951-52	14,364	9,816	4,319	3,018	2,108	1,059	34,684
1952-53	15,090	10,490	4,750	3,311	2,344	1,178	37,163
1953-54	16,043	11,305	5,065	3,561	2,586	1,280	39,840
<u>1952-53</u>							
March Quarter	14,241	9,932	4,501	3,147	2,288	1,181	35,290
June "	15,456	10,828	4,837	3,401	2,413	1,248	38,183
<u>1953-54</u>							
September Quarter	15,654	11,059	4,970	3,483	2,560	1,218	38,944
December "	16,753	11,748	5,225	3,640	2,672	1,296	41,334
March "	15,303	10,796	4,818	3,447	2,467	1,250	38,081
June "	16,463	11,619	5,245	3,673	2,644	1,356	41,000
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16,765	11,848	5,344	3,750	2,729	1,277	41,713
December "	17,918	12,440	5,612	3,862	2,773	1,345	43,950
March "	16,510	11,678	5,017	3,712	2,610	1,346	40,874
<b>AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£) (c)</b>							
1947-48	7.73	7.80	6.58	7.02	6.87	6.72	7.44
1948-49	8.73	8.84	7.63	8.03	7.75	7.56	8.44
1949-50	9.50	9.78	8.34	8.83	8.65	8.49	9.26
1950-51	11.46	11.70	9.82	10.58	10.23	9.99	11.09
1951-52	14.24	14.20	11.93	13.13	12.80	12.59	13.65
1952-53	15.50	15.46	13.32	14.58	14.13	13.97	14.95
1953-54	16.15	16.27	14.05	15.30	15.04	14.92	15.69
<u>1952-53</u>							
March Quarter	14.70	14.60	12.76	13.91	13.75	13.83	14.23
June "	15.84	15.86	13.55	14.86	14.31	14.52	15.28
<u>1953-54</u>							
September Quarter	16.01	16.18	13.81	15.19	15.08	14.45	15.55
December "	16.87	16.99	14.58	15.81	15.60	15.23	16.33
March "	15.33	15.44	13.47	14.67	14.29	14.48	14.94
June "	16.38	16.48	14.33	15.52	15.20	15.51	15.93
<u>1954-55</u>							
September Quarter	16.60	16.76	14.41	15.86	15.62	14.91	16.14
December "	17.53	17.45	15.14	16.26	15.78	15.51	16.86
March "	16.07	16.20	13.59	15.50	14.86	15.20	15.59

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Includes Northern Territory.

(c) Total wages as above divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units equals the number of males plus a proportion of females based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE:- Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

TABLE 18 : AVERAGE NOMINAL WEEKLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES

## INDUSTRIAL GROUPS - STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following tables are based on averages of wage rates for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each industrial group in each State is the arithmetical average of the rates of wage payable for classified occupations within that group. The figures for "All Groups" for each State and for each industrial group for Australia are weighted averages.

The base of each index number is the weighted average weekly wage for Australia of all industrial groups for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
<u>31ST MARCH, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	334	320	304	316	318	328	322
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	321	313	308	311	333	331	318*
III. Food, Drink, etc.	318*	324*	297	319*	319*	327	316*
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	311	313	321	321	325	309	314
V. Books, Printing, etc.	367	364	343	355	385	374	364
VI. Other Manufacturing	320*	311*	293	313*	315	321	314*
VII. Building	365*	348	334	337	350	344	352*
VIII. Mining (c)	333	324*	316*	303	347	325	330*
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	324	308	316	312	334	325
X. Other Land Transport	313	303	284	297	312	316	305
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	339*	345*	338	352	373	357
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	307*	301*	274	279	297	296*	298*
XIV. Miscellaneous	314*	305*	286	293	304	306	305*
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	337*	321*	313*	316	329	336	327*

\* Revised.

<u>30TH APRIL, 1955</u>							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	334	323	304	318	326	330	324
II. Engineering, Metal Works, etc.	321	313	308	311	333	331	318
III. Food, Drink, etc.	318	325	297	319	320	329	316
IV. Clothing, Textiles, etc.	311	313	321	321	325	309	314
V. Books, Printing, etc.	367	364	343	355	385	374	364
VI. Other Manufacturing	320	311	293	314	315	322	314
VII. Building	365	348	334	337	350	344	353
VIII. Mining (c)	333	324	316	303	352	325	330
IX. Rail and Tram Services	338	324	308	316	312	334	325
X. Other Land Transport	313	303	284	297	312	316	305
XI. Shipping, etc. (d)	342	348	343	345	345	346	344
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, etc. (e)	379	339	345	338	352	373	357
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, etc.	307	301	274	279	298	296	298
XIV. Miscellaneous	315	307	286	293	304	306	306
<u>All Groups (b)</u>	337	322	313	317	331	337	327

- (a) The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.
- (b) Weighted average.
- (c) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are those prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State and exclude district allowances in the gold-mining industry.
- (d) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based are for occupations other than master, officers, and engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of keep, where supplied.
- (e) Average rates of wage on which index numbers are based include the value of keep, where supplied.

TABLE 19 : AVERAGE NOMINAL HOURLY WAGE RATES INDEX NUMBERS : ADULT MALES, STATES (a)

The index numbers in the following table are based on average wage rates and hours of labour for a full week's work obtained from awards, determinations and industrial agreements. The average rate of wage for each State is the weighted average of the wage rates for each industrial group in the State. The average rate of wage for Australia is the weighted average of the wage rates for each State.

The base of each index number is the weighted average hourly wage for Australia for the three years ended 30th June, 1939 = 100.

Date	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	AUST. (b)
31st December, 1938	109	98	109	92	111	94	104
" " 1945	136	133	133	124	138	127	133
" " 1946	146	143	142	132	141	137	143
" " 1947	168	153	139	152	155	149	158
" " 1948	192	188	179	183	190	184	188
" " 1949	206	204	196	197	208	198	203
" " 1950	248	244	228	234	250	239	243
" " 1951	300	290	268	279	300	287	291
" " 1952	338	327	308	322	342	326	329
31st March, 1953	339	328	308	318	343	329	330
30th June, 1953	343	332	311	322	347	337	334
30th September, 1953	346	335	312	327	352	341	337
31st December, 1953	346	336	316	327	352	341	338
31st March, 1954	346	337	319	327	352	341	339
30th June, 1954	346	337	322	327	352	341	339
30th September, 1954	346	336	323	327	352	341	339
31st December, 1954	349	340	325	332	353	345	342
31st March, 1955	355*	344	328	335	356	349	346*

\* Revised.

(a) Weighted average hourly rates of wage for all industrial groups except Groups XI (Shipping, etc.) and XII (Pastoral, Agricultural, etc.). The figures of nominal wages are in course of revision to meet changes in industrial structure.

(b) Weighted average.

#### V. UNEMPLOYMENT

TABLE 20 : NUMBER OF PERSONS RECEIVING UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT, STATES

Compiled from information furnished by the Department of Social Services on the operation of the Unemployment and Sickness Benefits Act 1944 (from 1st July, 1947, Part VII of the Social Services Act 1947-1954) which came into effect on 1st July, 1945. From June, 1951 onwards figures are as furnished by the Department of Social Services.

#### Number of Persons on Benefit at end of each Month (a)

Month	N.S.W. (b)	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A. (c)	W.A.	TAS.	Australia		
							Males	Females	Persons
1947 June	1,400	667	3,231	105	761	44	5,981	227	6,208
1948 June	339	66	1,173	20	212	28	1,718	120	1,838
1949 May	222	33	809	12	91	29	1,102	94	1,196
1950 June	335	151	568	32	108	32	998	228	1,226
1951 June (d)	246	32	263	3	50	10	457	147	604
1952 June	4,613	1,133	2,055	153	236	104	6,108	2,186	8,294
1953 June (e)	14,629	5,939	3,677	655	691	323	21,552	4,362	25,914
1954 June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
1954 May	3,014	1,161	1,986	79	225	107	4,891	1,681	6,572
June	2,810	1,203	1,657	79	225	109	4,360	1,723	6,083
July	2,630	1,135	1,166	99	198	135	3,790	1,573	5,363
August	2,229	957	1,081	83	145	147	3,271	1,371	4,642
September	1,826	757	918	80	162	143	2,694	1,192	3,886
October	1,339	602	802	55	95	114	2,061	946	3,007
November	1,270	501	916	61	114	113	1,978	997	2,975
December	1,182	480	1,228	64	136	73	2,184	979	3,163
1955 January	1,252	437	2,165	67	144	52	3,190	927	4,117
February	1,135	363	2,371	57	147	46	3,173	946	4,119
March	1,242	286	2,347	45	131	35	3,143	943	4,086
April	1,116	288	1,799	52	157	41	2,495	958	3,453
May	1,053	335	1,140	63	171	32	1,834	960	2,794

(a) Last Saturday of month. (b) Includes Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes Northern Territory. (d) From May, 1951 to September, 1952 the figures represent the number of persons on the cash sheet. (e) From October, 1952 the figures represent the number actually on benefit.



## VI. INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Comparative figures for earlier years and explanations of terms used in this Section will be found in Chapter IV of Labour Report No. 41, 1952

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS -

STATES							
Quarter ended 31st March, 1955 (a)							
Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
Number of Disputes							
I. Wood, Furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	35	3	2	3	-	1	44
III. Food, drink, etc.	5	3	4	1	1	-	14
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	1	-	1	-	-	-	2
VI. Other manufacturing	13	3	-	3	-	-	19
VII. Building	11	7	1	-	-	-	20
VIII. (i) Coal mining	158	-	13	-	-	-	171
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	2	-	-	1	-	-	6
IX. Railway and tramway services	4	-	1	1	-	1	7
X. Other land transport	3	1	1	1	-	-	6
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	22	8	43	4	1	11	90
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	3	-	1	-	-	-	4
TOTAL:	257	25	67	14	2	13	383
Workers Involved							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	14,989	1,024	113	138	-	43	16,307
III. Food, drink, etc.	2,912	2,353	2,319	1,000	49	-	8,633
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	120	-	170	-	-	-	290
VI. Other manufacturing	3,051	98	-	167	-	-	3,316
VII. Building	8,033	258	6	-	-	-	8,353
VIII. (i) Coal mining	20,201	-	797	-	-	-	20,998
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	118	-	-	145	-	-	554
IX. Railway and tramway services	1,021	-	17	130	-	13	1,181
X. Other land transport	108	37	34	50	-	-	229
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	17,531	5,593	14,342	5,851	1,494	2,812	47,738
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	756	-	32	-	-	-	788
TOTAL:	68,840	9,363	17,830	7,481	1,543	2,868	108,387
Working Days Lost							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	31,465	1,884	2,315	1,384	-	108	37,156
III. Food, drink, etc.	7,933	9,129	4,866	1,000	49	-	22,977
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	120	-	425	-	-	-	545
VI. Other manufacturing	7,921	389	-	168	-	-	8,478
VII. Building	22,550	3,666	12	-	-	-	26,722
VIII. (i) Coal mining	30,268	-	3,263	-	-	-	33,531
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	877	-	-	145	-	-	2,097
IX. Railway and tramway services	430	-	20	32	-	26	508
X. Other land transport	536	111	102	150	-	-	899
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	18,694	6,160	12,733	7,038	1,186	2,095	48,369
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	4,237	-	96	-	-	-	4,333
TOTAL:	125,031	21,339	23,832	9,917	1,235	2,229	185,615

(a) Subject to revision. Includes 3 disputes not settled at end of previous quarter.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory.

TABLE 21 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES (INVOLVING STOPPAGE OF WORK) - INDUSTRIAL GROUPS -

## STATES

Quarter ended 31st March, 1955 (a)  
(Continued)

Industrial Group	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (b)
Estimated Loss in Wages (£)							
I. Wood, furniture, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
II. Engineering, metal works, etc.	101,707	6,200	7,232	3,576	-	309	119,024
III. Food, drink, etc.	23,517	26,146	14,761	2,600	142	-	67,166
IV. Clothing, textiles, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V. Books, printing, etc.	540	-	1,223	-	-	-	1,763
VI. Other manufacturing	22,835	1,124	-	488	-	-	24,447
VII. Building	86,654	8,856	27	-	-	-	97,050
VIII. (i) Coal mining	103,716	-	11,046	-	-	-	114,762
(ii) Other mining, quarries, etc.	3,485	-	-	700	-	-	7,241
IX. Railway and tramway services	1,165	-	51	75	-	77	1,368
X. Other land transport	1,260	-	-	-	-	-	1,260
XI. Shipping, wharf labour, etc.	63,076	20,595	44,557	24,631	4,151	7,216	165,846
XII. Pastoral, agricultural, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIII. Domestic, hotels, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
XIV. Miscellaneous	10,950	-	-	-	-	-	10,950
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>418,905</b>	<b>62,921</b>	<b>78,897</b>	<b>32,070</b>	<b>4,293</b>	<b>7,602</b>	<b>610,877</b>

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes disputes occurring in the Northern Territory.

TABLE 22 : INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES : AUSTRALIA

Period	Number	Workers Involved			Working days lost	Estimated loss in wages £
		Directly	Indirectly (a)	Total		
1939	416	143,228	9,602	152,830	459,154	455,716
1940	350	178,939	13,658	192,597	1,507,252	1,716,121
1941	567	240,845	7,262	248,107	984,174	1,000,102
1942	602	166,167	3,096	169,263	378,195	456,090
1943	785	288,028	8,075	296,103	990,151	1,153,506
1944	941	260,792	15,566	276,358	912,752	1,111,729
1945	945	299,641	16,297	315,938	2,119,641	2,567,444
1946	869	331,865	16,683	348,548	1,947,844	2,290,147
1947	982	280,718	46,419	327,137	1,338,728	1,898,085
1948	1,141	301,025	16,124	317,149	1,662,686	2,299,114
1949	849	260,720	3,857	264,577	1,333,990	2,611,536
1950	1,276	391,481	40,220	431,701	2,062,888	4,166,418
1951	1,344	380,421	28,171	408,592	872,974	2,256,028
1952	1,627	488,178	17,556	505,734	1,163,504	3,439,850
1953	1,459	483,800	12,246	496,046	1,050,830	3,337,437
1954	1,490	355,580	14,494	370,074	901,639	3,021,211
1954 -						
Mar. Qtr.	389	80,534	2,028	82,562	139,849	488,189
June "	353	78,330	3,458	81,788	174,927	561,416
Sept. "	447	117,909	5,132	123,041	247,976	805,357
Dec. "	301	78,807	3,876	82,683	338,887	1,166,249
1955 -						
Mar. Qtr. (b)	383	100,067	8,320	108,387	185,615	610,877

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishment where the stoppages occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

(b) Subject to revision.

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